

Existing law generally requires meetings of public bodies to be open to the public but provides exceptions. One exception involves discussion of a person's character, professional competence, or physical or mental health, which existing law authorizes public bodies to hold in executive session provided that notice is given to the person and that the person may require such discussion to be held in an open meeting.

New law specifies that a discussion of the awarding of a public contract is also not covered by the exception relative to discussions of a person's character, professional competence or physical or mental health. Provides however that new law does not apply to discussions conducted pursuant to existing law allowing for the letting of certain public contracts via a competitive request for proposals process.

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